

Claim 87 was not addressed in the Office action. Applicant requests that claim 87 be included in Group I because claim 87 depends from claims 1 and 13, which are already included in Group I.

Applicant reserves the right to prosecute claims of the non-elected groups in a divisional application.

Applicant elects the species of a "general gas sample," as recited at page 4, line 7 of the Office action, with traverse, for prosecution. Applicant wishes to point out, however, that "general gas sample" is generic to many, if not all, of the claims of Group I, including, for example, claims 1, 8, 10-14, 17-18, 20-36, 47-53, 68-73, 79-84 and 89-96. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute claims to additional species, in this application, upon allowance of a generic claim.

Claim 1 is amended for clarity.

Claim 2 is amended for clarity.

Claim 13 is amended for clarity. Support for the amendment to claim 13 is found at page 28, lines 15-17, page 31, lines 6-11, and page 31, lines 13-15.

Claim 24 is amended to correct a typographical error.

Claim 69 is amended to remove an unnecessary limitation from the claim.

Claim 70 is amended to make it consistent with the antecedent basis provided by claim 1.

Claim 84 is amended to remove the quotation marks and for clarification.

Claim 86 is amended to make it consistent with the antecedent basis provided by claim 1 and for clarity.

Support for new claim 92 may be found on page 52, line 14.

Support for new claim 93 may be found on page 31, line 27.

Support for new claims 94-96 may be found at page 12, line 31 to page 13, line 4.

Except as noted above, none of the amendments is intended to narrow the scope of a claim in any regard.

Conclusion

Favorable consideration of the foregoing amendments and allowance of the application are requested.

If any issues remain to be addressed, the Examiner is requested to please telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

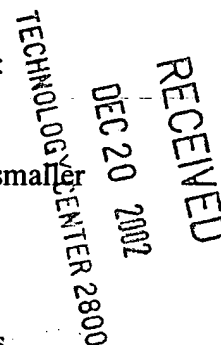
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**Marked-up Version of Amended
Claims Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(b)-(c)**



1. (Twice Amended) A method for analyzing a gas sample, comprising:
providing a gas sample or converting a sample to a gas sample;
increasing pressure applied to the [gas] sample to compress the sample to a small volume and provide a pneumatically focused gas sample; and
analyzing the pneumatically focused gas sample by gas chromatography.
2. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 where the gas sample is pneumatically focused concurrently with or [just] prior to reaching a separatory column.
13. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 where increasing the pressure to pneumatically focus the gas sample is accomplished using a [focusing-carrier] focusing or carrier gas containing an internal standard.
24. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 where analyzing the pneumatically focused sample comprises reducing the focusing pressure to a lower value [valve] and then a supercritical fluid is introduced gradually to replace an initial carrier gas used to pneumatically focus the sample.
69. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 where the gas sample is provided as [by a gas canister having] a pre-stored gaseous sample.
70. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 where the gas [air] sample includes a material selected from the group of air toxics, VOCs, OVOCs, metabolites, anesthetics, and combinations thereof.
84. (Amended) The method according to claim 83 where the condensed water vapor contains water-soluble analytes, and such water-soluble analytes are collected for ["continuously or discontinuously"] continuous or discontinuous subsequent analysis.
86. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 where the sample [liquid] is a water sample.